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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

1. MAJOR GENERAL GEORGE S. PRUGH, THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL OF THE ARMY, WILL BE IN BANGKOK AUGUST 21-22, IN SEOUL AUGUST 26-28 AND IN TOKYO AUGUST 30-SEPT 1.

2. GENERAL PRUGH HAS BEEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW. IN FEB-MAR 1974 HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE U.S. DELEGATION TO THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON THE REAFFIRMATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW APPLICABLE IN ARMED CONFLICTS, CONVENED BY THE SWISS GOVERNMENT IN GENEVA. A SECOND SESSION OF DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN EARLY FEBRUARY 1975 IN GENEVA AND TO LAST FOR 10 WEEKS. GENERAL PRUGH HAS UNCLASSIFIED

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INDICATED THAT HE WOULD BE WILLING TO CONSULT WITH

ADDRESSEE POSTS' HOST GOVTS ON ISSUES RELATING TO SECOND SESSION. DEPT WOULD CONSIDER SUCH CONSULTATIONS MOST USEFUL. WE THEREFORE REQUEST YOU TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS WITH CONCERNED FOREIGN MINISTRY AND DEFENSE MINISTRY OFFICIALS.

3. GENERAL PRUGH'S SCHEDULE SHOULD BE COORDINATED WITH:

(A) IN BANGKOK - LTC BRYANT SPENCER, HQ MACTHAI;

(B) IN SEOUL - COL. ZEIGLER, STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE, EIGHTH U.S. ARMY; (C) IN TOKYO - COL RICHARD MCNEALY, U.S. ARMY JAPAN. KISSINGER

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